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Information Review & Release (IRR) News for 28 July - 1 August 2003
Executive Summary

Immediate Calendar:

(U//~~AIUO~~) 7 August 2003: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP): Next Principals' meeting at EEOB in Washington, DC.

Future Planning Calendar:

(U//~~AIUO~~) 26 August 2003: Interagency Security Classification Appeals Panel (ISCAP): Next Liaisons' meeting at Crystal City.

(U//~~AIUO~~) December 2003: Historical Review Panel: Next semi-annual meeting.

(U//~~AIUO~~) 31 December 2006: The Automatic Declassification Date per Executive Order 12958, as amended.

Overview of IRR Activities Last Week:

(U//~~AIUO~~) FOIA Requests

(U//~~AIUO~~) Author Seeks Information for a Forthcoming Book
(U//~~AIUO~~) The author of *Stasi: The Untold Story of the Last German Secret Police* requests "about 100 pages of documents dealing with the attempted assassination of Pope John Paul II in 1981 and which have already been relased to others." He wishes to use this material for a new book dealing with Soviet bloc espionage against the Vatican, and more broadly, the Catholic Church.

- *The FOIA case manager identified 20 documents that were released to previous requesters on the same topic.* (b)(3)

(U//~~AIUO~~) Wisconsin Requester Asks for NIE, Gets a SNIE
(U//~~AIUO~~) A requester from Wisconsin asked for "National Intelligence Estimate (NIE) 73-86 ... about 'The African National Congress of South Africa,'" which the requester indicated he believed "has been declassified."

- *The FOIA case manager performed a search of the Management of Officially Released Information (MORI) database and found that NIE 73-86 doesn't exist but that Special National Intelligence Estimate (SNIE) 73-86, titled "The African National Congress of South Africa: Organization, Communist Ties, and Short-Term Prospects" has been released in a previous FOIA request. The FOIA case officer sent the SNIE to the requester, informing him that no reproduction fees would be assessed in this case because the document consists of fewer than 100 pages.*

(U//~~AIUO~~) More Interest in Psychotronics and Microwave Usage
(U//~~AIUO~~) A requester, who agrees to incur fees up to $222, wishes "all [CIA] information regarding the theory, application, and instances of its usage of all technologies, including but not limited to, infrared laser systems, psychotronics, and microwaves, used for unusual or exotic purposes, such as the scanning of a region or targeting of an individual, for the detection of anamolous [sic] activity including perturbations in the EM spectrum, local magnetic field, bioenergetic, paraphysical, and interdimensional activity [....]"

- *After a thorough search of the Management of Officially Released Information (MORI) database, the FOIA case manager printed a list of previously released records on related subjects from which the requester may order specific documents of interest.* (b)(3)

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(U//~~AIUO~~) CIA Declassification Center

(U//~~FOUO~~) CDC Reps Visit Reagan Library in California

(U//~~FOUO~~) Representatives from the CIA Declassification Center (CDC) visited the Reagan Library in Simi Valley, California on 23 and 24 July where they learned from the Director that the Library contains approximately 8 to 9 million pages of material -- covering both terms of President Reagan -- that must be reviewed for possible scanning under the Remote Archives Capture (RAC) program.

- *The material scanned at the Library will be reviewed subsequently for declassification under the automatic declassification provisions of EO 12958, as amended.* [redacted] (b)(3)

(U//~~FOUO~~) CDC Reps Visit Rockefeller Archive in New York

(U//~~FOUO~~) During the week of 21 July representatives from the CIA Declassification Center (CDC) visited the Rockefeller Archive in Sleepy Hollow, New York where the Vice Presidential papers of the late Nelson A. Rockefeller are held. During the visit, representatives from CDC began the process of preparing the papers for scanning by identifying the agency with primary interest in each document. CDC plans to begin scanning the collection on 25 August.

- *The Rockefeller Archive is an adjunct to Rockefeller University in Manhattan. The facility is housed in a mansion built in 1963 for a Rockefeller family member on the 24-acre family estate on the Hudson river. The archive boasts some 40 million pages of material that document the philanthropic works of the Rockefeller family. Mrs. Happy Rockefeller, widow of the late Vice President, plans to donate the vice presidential papers to the archive once the review for declassification has been completed.* [redacted] (b)(3)
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(U//~~AIUO~~) From the Archives: Castro's Staying Power Underestimated From The Get-Go

(U//~~AIUO~~) An article dated 22 September 1962 in the Current Intelligence Bulletin (CIB) that was recently reviewed at the CIA Declassification Center, noted that while Castro and his "new Communists" still hold dominant positions in the regime's party and governmental apparatus, their power relative to that of Havana's old-line Communist veterans -- as personified by that old war horse Blas Roca -- may be in eclipse. To support its analysis of Castro's plight, CIB authors note that the Cuban leader's dependence on the Soviet Union had greatly increased, putting him potentially at a disadvantage in asserting his will over the old Communists, "whom Moscow probably finds more reliable than Castro." [redacted] (b)(3)

This is a record. [redacted] (b)(3)

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